

Fw: The Namesake of This Blog

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And why I associate myself with him.



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*First and foremost, I would like to put a disclaimer right here that states that this post is **heavy** on the religious / spiritual / supernatural side of things. I've faced genuine hostility from espousing either atheist / naturalist views as well as spiritual-friendly agnostic views. The time comes where nearly any belief, view, or even just nonsense spouted by mistake (which happens to be true) is shunned in general. That time is now, and that's why you get Thoth.*

Please do not proceed if this discourages you from proceeding.

First, I must pay my all due respect to the Buddha, and I do need to state from the get-go that I do consider myself a Buddhist, in the sense that I

revere Siddhartha Gautama as the foremost sage of my religion. (I do admit that I can't help but still consider him to be at least somewhat divine, although he himself makes it very clear that he is nothing more than a regular human).

Also, I do believe that the Buddha was a humanist, in the sense that he, more than anyone else, would be the first person - if you'll grant that he starts out as a "god" in if not your own mind, then at least someone's mind, given the presence of his name and statues all over the world, including in lands he is considered to be unwelcome - to actually lower himself to the status of human being... Just so he could grant you the ability to attain "demigod" / "deity" / "deva" status on your own. Through your own merits. Through trial-and-error. Through the ability to make both moral as well as technical as well as unforeseen errors, and update BOTH your moral theories as well as scientific ones. As long as you're not willing to at least grant that many, if not the vast majority of human beings, still believe in and worship gods, and more importantly, if you cannot respect those people as first-class citizens, then you don't get to consider yourself a true humanist. If you can and are willing to pay that price (to acknowledge that religion deserves a place in society), then you do get a fairly hefty reward, as well as more trial and tribulation (unfortunately). You'll see why this must be, shortly.

Well first of all, if you can manage that, the Buddha¹ would be the first of the devas to tell you that the devas often lie, and make mistakes that often far exceed the errors that human beings make (in terms of the overall magnitude of their consequences). He'd let you in on a little secret: Yes, there are gods, but they are actually liable for the false religions that humans believe in. If you've ever felt overly repressed or were treated as sub-human, lesser than dirt, not even fit to be among dogs, by religion, or rather, by schoolteachers wearing religious uniforms, I (the Buddha²) will let you in on my little secret: I have been there, right with you, although you may not have known it. They are full of shit, but they are still devas. Call them devas rather than gods if you want, because the mere fact that "deva" means "deity" but is the word

from another language, actually helps convey the truth better. But the Buddha (though I respectfully disagree with him)³ seems to carry more guilt than I believe he should. I still revere him, even more than I did before, I am going to allow him to ascend to a higher level than whatever one I find myself on, in exchange for his gift to humanity that we may also ascend to higher or descend to lower levels, something the gods did not grant us before.

I'm making this statement as both a personal manifesto of sorts as well as a plea to the materialist / rationalist / humanist sects I continue to be a part of and consider my allies as well, to this day.

I say to them: You've got a tremendous amount of power available to you, as well as at the very least, the Buddha's blessing to carry on being materialist / rationalist / humanist, with one - pretty hefty, as you might consider it right now, but not insurmountable - condition. It would normally be an impossible weight, but you need not carry the entire weight. Just attempt to. What the hell do I mean?

I'm asking you to grant at least non-zero credence to the supernatural⁴. The bare minimum is all that's really asked, for the same reason that this could be called the "humanist religion." *It means that you are rightfully skeptical of any paranormal claims.* It means that almost all of your critiques of any particular religion (such as Christianity or Islam, which normally amount to criticisms of state or ideological religion) are basically dead-on correct, and give yourselves praise for being right about that. (Although I have nothing bad to say about either Christ nor Mohammad nor anyone who claims to be them). But you will only deserve praise for being "right" about why monotheism is incorrect as long as you grant **religious people, drug addicts, borderlines, schizophrenics, autists (you're already pretty good about that), as well as - yes - even your worst enemies:** whoever each of you (individually) consider those to be (and I stress individually, because each person having one arch-nemesis should be considered as sacred as marriage). That last

parenthetical was a claim I just made without any backing arguments. So that's for you to decide on or ignore as you please.

See, all Buddhism really asks for is a trade, while simultaneously acknowledging that Western culture gets the entire idea of trade much better than the East does (and still is just barely getting a foothold on as we speak)⁵, and this trade is simply to acknowledge what many people of the younger Western generation (Millennials and Z's) have already acknowledged, which is that Eastern culture makes up for spirituality where it lacks in materialism (i.e. technological supremacy), and have graciously granted Eastern culture respect where it deserves, which previous Western generations did not grant us.

In essence, the trade is actually more what a true diplomatic peace treaty is: It's a written agreement that consists of two stories, one story for each party to the peace treaty. It states, we each get to eat our cake and have it too, in the name of peace. You are not required to believe in what I believe, and as long as you can peacefully coexist with us, we will do our part to do the same. We both believe that human beings are fallible, some of us look to the gods for help, some of us look inward to better ourselves. As long as we have peace, we can become one civilization with a multitude of religions. This means you get to believe in "Science" (even Scient-ism, if you prefer to). You get to believe that the gods are not real, because we simultaneously believe, as currently being or being the descendants of god-fearing religious people, that human scientists have literally defeated them using human knowledge. And we acknowledge that there were a few scientists who secretly came to our churches, monasteries, or just literally collapsed on the floor in a drunken stupor, who decided to pray for help, and admitted they felt like they had to do so in secret. When that happens, they really do get help. The first thing that happens - should they ever experience anything "supernatural" in that moment, e.g., if it happens to come in the form of a voice, intrusive or obsessive thoughts, paranoia, or simply the words of another person (spoken

directly or written down) - is that these words should always come with the disclaimer:

I am forbidden from introducing myself as the voice of a god without first lowering my status, by acknowledging that either I do not deserve your badge of honor (which is what you do when you think of me as a god), and admit I am mistaken or ignorant on many subjects, including the very areas I will give advice on. I ask you to accept the price of questioning your own sanity, while granting you some enlightened or esoteric knowledge that you will need to remain skeptical of, but you have my word that if that knowledge does not prove itself to you the way you see fit, then that will serve as proof that these words were not the words of a deity. I'd also emphasize that it is never good for anyone - regardless of actual mental state - to call themselves or think of themselves as insane. I wouldn't even be talking to you at all unless you had already defended people you yourself determined to be insane, but you chose to defend their right to be considered as worthy as any other human being, and treated with the same level of compassion. And this is in fact the one reason I consider you to be a "demigod", because you yourself refuse to consider yourself as such, to the extent that you actually grant any divine status you happen to rightly earn to the people you have felt suffered the most. I, to the extent I am a god, will tell you that I am not the highest god among the eyes of the other gods so my support comes with some major, major caveats.

Thoth⁶ is the most controversial of all the gods, but he gains the support of all lower beings than himself, which consistently proves to be in unison, more powerful than the other gods combined, thus demonstrating me to be correct⁷ as well as humans in general to be free from their enslavement. Thoth will insist he is human to humans who wish to see him that way. He might be an extra lesser deity to humans who want to be able to move up the ladder and possess the will and courage to do so.

1

If he were me, if I were him, which I'm not.

2

Sometimes he apparently has things to say while I write them down for him though.

3

See, back to being me now. And I have some disagreements.

4

I.e., things of a spiritual nature, or felt at a "deep" (according to your own inner judgement) level of significance or ultimate importance. That being said, at least look at this [video](#) and see what you can make of it.

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"Trade" being whatever the West defines to be Enterprise - what the West really succeeds at is advertisement. It has sent more of its creations abroad at the expense of its own citizens.

6

The namesake of this blog, and perhaps patron deity of myself for a long while, until I discard him (should that ever become necessary).

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One could fault me (and Thoth) for being overly concerned with favoring being socially correct to such an extreme that we'd be willing to figure out everywhere we as a society were most at odds at with *all* of reality (including "social reality" - the reality created by all consciousness(es) together acting in concert).



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